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REMARKS

Record is made of a telephone interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on December 1, 2004. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed, and applicant's representative pointed out to the differences between the prior art of record and the subject matter of the present invention. The Examiner agreed that the subject matter of the present invention is distinguishable over the prior art of record, provided claims 1 and 18 are amended to clarify the relationship between the normal and the center axis.

As a result of the interview, applicant now submits amendments to the claims 1 and 18 which are drawn up in accordance with the agreement at the interview so as to overcome each and every rejection to the claims as set forth in the Examiner's Official Action of July 27, 2004 and to place the application in formal condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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